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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously presented) A decorative carapace for a burial vault comprising:
a carapace having a top surface; and
a substrate having a decorative graphic, said substrate being attached to said top surface of said carapace; and
adhesive interposed between said carapace and said substrate, and adhering said substrate to said carapace;
wherein said substrate is formed from a material selected from the group of polyester, polypropylene, polyethylene, vinyl, acetate, acrylic, polystyrene, or polycarbonate.
2. (Canceled).
3. (Original) The decorative carapace according to claim 1 wherein said substrate is transparent.
4. (Original) The decorative carapace according to claim 1 wherein said graphic is printed on said substrate.
5. (Canceled)
6. (Original) The decorative carapace according to claim 4 wherein said substrate is adhered to said carapace using transparent adhesive.
7. (Withdrawn) A decorative funeral urn, comprising: an urn having an exterior surface; and a substrate having a decorative graphic, said substrate being attached to said exterior surface of said urn.
8. (Withdrawn) The decorative urn according to claim 7 wherein said substrate is adhered to said urn using adhesive.
9. (Withdrawn) The decorative urn according to claim 7 wherein said substrate is transparent.
10. (Withdrawn) The decorative urn according to claim 7 wherein said graphic is printed on said substrate.

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11. (Withdrawn) The decorative urn according to claim 7 wherein said substrate is formed from a material selected from the group of polyester, polypropylene, polyethylene, vinyl, acetate, acrylic, polystyrene, or polycarbonate.
12. (Withdrawn) The decorative urn according to claim 9 wherein said substrate is adhered to said urn using transparent adhesive.
13. (Withdrawn) The decorative urn according to claim 7 wherein said substrate completely encircles the urn.
14. (Withdrawn) A method for customizing the appearance of a carapace, comprising: providing a carapace and clean a top surface thereof; providing a substrate having a decorative graphic image printed on one side and an adhesive layer covered by a backing sheet on an opposite side; peeling the backing sheet from one end of the substrate; saturating the adhesive side of the substrate with a soap solution; inverting the substrate so that the adhesive side is facing the top surface of the carapace and align the substrate with the carapace; placing the substrate in contact with the surface of the carapace; and removing the soap solution entrapped between the carapace and the substrate.
15. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 14, further comprising the steps of: cleaning the substrate; and removing entrapped air bubbles.